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SUBJ: TEXTILES: FRENCH SAFEGUARD ACTION

REF: PARIS 17456

1. GOF ANNOUNCED JUNE 18 THAT IT WOULD PLACE IMPORTS OF FOUR TEXTILE ITEMS UNDER QUOTA IN ACCORD WITH ARTICLE XIX OF GATT. THE FOUR ITEMS ARE MEN'S SHIRTS, WOMEN'S BLOUSES, T-SHIRTS, AND COTTON THREAD. SOURCES AFFECTED ARE ALL COUNTRIES NOT HAVING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE EEC. THEREFORE IMPORTS OF THESE ITEMS FROM THE U.S. WILL BE COVERED. THE TEXT OF NEW REGULATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL OFFICIEL WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT ON JUNE 22.

2. ACCORDING TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS,
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GATT HAS NOT YET BEEN NOTIFIED, SINCE GOF STILL NEEDS TO WORK OUT SOME PROBLEMS WITH EEC COMMISSION. SAME SOURCES INDICATE IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR EC MINISTERS TO REACH AGREEMENT AT LUXEMBOURG JUNE 24 ON NEGOTIATING POSITION FOR MFA RENEWAL. EMBASSY ASSUMES IT IS SOMEWHAT EASIER FOR GOF TO REACH AGREEMENT FOLLOWING PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES.

3. PRESS HAS GIVEN EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO GOF DECISION, PRINTING OUT FRENCH HAVE RESORTED TO ARTICLE XIX ONLY FOUR TIMES AND THAT FRENCH WANT TO BE IN BETTER BARGAINING POSITION AT GENEVA. FIRST NEWS OF GOF DECISION CAME FROM SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INDUSTRY RUFENACHT WHO CHARACTERIZED THEM AS "PROTECTIONIST". TRADE MINISTER ROSSI LATER DENIED THE MEASURES WERE PROTECTIONIST AND STRESSED THE PROBLEM FOR FRENCH EMPLOYMENT CREATED BY RAPIDLY INCREASING IMPORTS FROM LOW-WAGE COUNTRIES. PRESS ALSO SPECULATES THAT NEW MEASURES MAY BE TAKEN AFFECTING IMPORTS OF DRESSES, SHIRTS, SUITS, TROUSERS AND COTTON FABRIC FROM SAME SOURCES PLUS EC ASSOCIATED STATES. FOREIGN TRADE OFFICIALS CONFIRM THAT GOF MAY SEEK ACTION IN BRUSSELS TO INVOKE SAFEGUARD CLAUSES IN EC AGREEMENTS. SHOULD SUCH ACTION BE TAKEN IT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON FRENCH MARKET IN CONTRAST WITH RELATIVELY MODEST IMPACT EXPECTED FROM MEASURES TAKEN TO DATE. GAMMON

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